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Carolina Statesmen in S'ates. [From the Abbeville-Medium.]

I confess to a feeling of indignation in being forced to acknowledge the truth of your remark that "this State is eaten up with idolatry and changed into a community of hero worshippers. That ever since the campaign of 1876 service to Hampton has been the measure of a man's fidelity to party and State, and so it, is now," though allow me to add, thank God and a few buste men, not to so great a degree as heretofore.

That our people are enthusiastic and hero worshippers, to a certain extent, is bowing to and bootheking the man in pow-er and 'worshipping the sun, no matter where it rises,' whether in Scott or Chainterlain; Hambton or Simpson; This funkcyism is called conservatism, but has it not occurred to you that con-servatism has of late too often become an-other name for cowardice? Have we not a perfect right to criticise our public men who are to a certain degree public property and what but a timid, weak-kneed press prevents our statesmen and public meas-ares from being as freely discussed as those of Georgia; for with regret, as well as a de ire to do justice, I acknowledge that the Augusta Chronicle and Constitutionalist, with its large circulation in this State, has done and is doing more for our true emancipation in this and other respects than our own, leading daily journals. The highest sense of duty and amnals. The highest sense of duty and ambition with a large part of our country press seems to be to have a set of "local heroes" whom they puff and push but never esticise, and all must join in the grand chorus of "Rah for Hampton" or "Rah for Simpson" or be damned and excommunicated. Now this is the most contemptible kind of flunkcyism and it would be well for the members of the press to remember that they are despect press to remember that they are depreciating themselves, their own power and, diguity, that columns of fulsome flattery do not have half the effect or command half the respect given to ten lines of just criticism. I swear, Hemphill, with such a fawning press, Licar if this blind idola-

or those who inherited position, to which they have added achievements, thereby maintaining their ancient name and fame. Gary, Connor, Wallace, Bratton and a large number of others may well represent those who have achieved greatness without any appreciable assistance from

For the third class of these who have had "greatness thrust uson them" such men as Williard, Cook and Mackey will do as representatives, though I might add some of the present State of initials, judges, &c., but that I have to amount on gentlemen, (Governor Simpson for instance,) inthe same class with these political converts.

I am perfectly willing to acknowledge Hampton inherited and achieved great ness, though, (without alluding to the whisperings about Hardy Solemon or the Orangeburg dining,) Lthink his administration in this State is wide open to criticism, particularly the endorsement of Hayest and pardon before conviction of Chamberlain and the rest of the thieves and the surrender of the State, .. through a sin of omission and commission. Into I am willing to admit that he is a good. square, brave man .. of ordinary sound judgment but without analytical, powers, of mind or originality of any kind or any of the marks of genius as a soldier or statesman as his war and political neords and speeches abundantly prove. Hamp-. FREEMAN.

FREEMAN.

A policeman, seeing a vellow dog near two hands, and he and it were borner upon the shoulders of an enthusiostic disciplined people to a victorious end. That he bravely executed this mission none will deny, and for this he has greatness thrust upon him, but that he results are the properties of the last session, and blood is thicker you know than water. I with draw my objections in fature to lawyers on the shoulders of an enthusion of the shoulders of them I heard as being in Columbia as lobbyists in that interest during the last session, and blood is thicker you know than water. I with draw my objections in fature to lawyers on unless independent, well-to-do represent this beautiful little creachure belong to you. ladies?" "Mercy—no!", Policetive farmers are selected in which case my interest the first of the last session, and blood is thicker you know than water. I with the session, and blood is thicker you know than water. I with the last session, and blood is the last session. ton is great, but the campaign of 1876

was the god who interpreted the situathun, conceived and inaugurated the movement by which, under the guidance of Providence, the people freed them-selves no one cap prove.

The administration of his successor

Governor Simpson, has nothing marked about it beyond the timid fellowing in the path beaten by Hampton, for, in truth, Simpson of flot a "marked man," having never displayed any of the individuality, strength or heroisth of a leader of statesman, area, in his case, downton or statesman even in his own county where he failed to boldly confront the where he land to bothly control the radicals, and lend the people in their greatest emergency. He is a good lawyer, a nice gentleman, a politician of fair shility and has about the capacity to make a good circuit liter, or a good ordinary Governor for these piping times of peace.

Of Senator Butler it can be said that whilst he has fully met the expectations of his most sanguine friends and has not that application and power of concentration necessary to utilize Lis extraordinary talents. The research to us zo his a

There is much genuine modesty and true greatness both inherited and achieved in General Kershaw, the great conservative leader of the State, with in 'war and in peace, has world by and 'faithfully and uncomplainingly served her. He is too much of a gentleman for the political arena and should have been and still should be placed on the Supreme Beach where his presence would place it was whole atmosphere above suspicion, on the bond and and other questions. General Hagood is of a type which makes a question of his own interests but ready to respond in great emergencies. Too cold and distant to ever touch the hearts of our people and with the additional misfortune of learning too much to 'fu-ion' principles as expressed in his speeches by saying of the negroes. If they are the fit office give them once, but nevertheless a brave man who has worthly upfield a good-

sketch to devote some space to those mentioned as having "achieved" their greatness (far. Compton Walkies, Bratton and a nost of others. I wished to motice Generals Gary and Connor, particularly that eccentric genius, Gen. the least understood of all out leading men. In spite of the long continued opposition of Hallippoli and other aristociate shut and to wait their time patiently, is expedient. That time has come and luckly the pen and has configured. Retails to the configure of the resolution that Allah is Allah) and Dawson (Mahanal) and wring from fifther free the acknowledge of the control the twit exclaim. It is appeared to the series of the seri shown by the coolness, skill and bravery with which he handled his troops in war, the good sense with which he has managod his own affairs and the genius dis-

played in his brilliant career as a statesof the cangaign of 1876, the great political victory on the f2th of August, '76, over Chamberlain and Mackey, the purging and purification of the Legislature and the Judiciary in 1877, (in spite of the opposition of Hampton,) the passage of the usury law, the advocacy of a much needed system of education for the masses, and all of his great speeches bold and daring acts, and, finally, the in westeration and (to be) eventual overthrow of the fraudulent debt, in spite of Hampton will all standards. Hampton, will all stand as mortunents to his methodical madness. Thoroughly educated and well read, a constitutional lawyer, and able political ecodomist, or

statesman, we can say of this great "Commoner" of South Carolina, surely Gary, much learning hath made thee Having asserted my right to "free thought and free speech" which you say we need in this State, I will close under a nom de plume, knowing that the truth, even "when fitly spoken" is not always relished in South Carolina. Having ventured also to "faritaise" the critical ventured also to "criticise the criticis,"
i. e, the press, as well as some of the
idols in South Carolina I may expect to
be criticised in return, and therefore volunteer the information, "to all whom it
may concern," that I am to the manner
born, a native; like your senior, a veteran
of the late war.

Prescent Correspondence. LAURENS NEWS.

UPER EDGE LAURENS Co., Sept. 84 Deat Crescent: If on exchange with our county pa

per, ou will see by the time this reaches

you that my letter to you, under date of 22d Jugust, has been reviewed and criticised by the writers of that journal, and that hey think my views about things in Laurens county are the inspiration of the devil and they consequently, in that pious community, don't like any such community. However, I thought I would continue if agreeable, to give you from tiete tentime my observations of from time receiving my observations of cold curens from the top of the high moustine from which perhaps, if I had been willing to 'dash are foot against a stone." I might have had place and power as some now have who bent the tree bo Ban, all read your article on 'The Original Thirteen, just a baker's dezen,' and really must say that so far as Tedd is concerned he has been the only thoroughly centistent and uncompromisingly. straightout in our county. As to Gov. Simpson, it was hard to tell where he stood during all the days, and stormy years of Radical carnival in our county, when old Joe Crews held nightly orgic over the lives, the liberties and the very health of our citizens. Occupying the position of one of our leading atterneys in the county, and regarded as possessing considerable influence over a large circle of relatives and connection, it was utterly impossible during those times that "tried men's souls" in down-trodden, havied and thoroughly demoralized Laurens, when we torch of the incendiary lighted the midnight devastation, and the murderous assassin was rampast from hiding place and from ambush, and the voices of Joe Crews and Y. J. alope Owens defied outraged law and order, it was impossible say to procure from the two Simpson's styresson of what was to be done, or what was presented in most of the public weal. In mately associated in most of the public offices then filled by Radical aspointees of Classiberhait were then near and dear relatives as employees, and from Radical adminstrations their father, their uncles and their fiends were receiving daily adminstrations their father their uncles and their fields were receiving daily work. What could they do under such circumstances to save themselves from having more paupers as pensioners upon their bounty than to keep their mouths shut and to wait their time patiently.

That time has come and making the

old Mart Gary started. But what does Lancens say? There were many times when if we had had such a spirit as times in our releast old Laurens, never would have seffered as she did. She was priest-riden in She, had great respect for Simp-such and stood to see her citizens murdered, haratrassury piliaged, her homes, burnt down, her citizens tradden hown

the only outright, straight-through, deep the leaders in the county. The masses have always been one and the same, out and out straightout. The difference beand out straightout. The difference between Todd and others was that he has always been well off and independent, while the others may have had to succommend be pinchings of want and may have had to exercise a "little of, their principle for daily bread. However these things may be for given but forgotten nev

I really do not understand the phosphate question sufficiently to express any opinion of its' merits! Your arguments upon the subject are certainly very plaus-ible. Our representatives Wash Watts and Humbert are both in favor, of the monopoly. I used to be opposed to send-ing lawyers to represent the people in the legislature but I do declare I don't think it makes much difference to send pour farmers who are over head and ears in debt to their factors and who go to Columbia and find among, the schemes en gaging their attention such as five money power in Charleston are interested in it, a pretty hard to expect justice to be done their constituencies in a matter that can only se shown remotels to affect them and for which plausible excuse can be given for voting, and supporting contrary to their interest. I do not think that the old Colonel could be bribed, but he as well as other representatives are almost owned by their factors and they are interested in the arrivage of the country. I am yourse etc.

GRAY'S HILL.

shoulders of the Charleston nabobs.

Our court is to meet on the 15th prox., Judge Thomson to preside. Our docket is said to be encumbered with many an old case that should be disposed of.

Sale day in our town last. Monday witnessed a great number of country people in town, although the day was devoid of interest. A drunken row, between two young men caused a lock up in the new guard house. Mr. Lewis Bramlette, an aged and respected citizen of the county died on the 2d, in the ninety-sixth year of his age. The grain crop, throughout the county has threshed out heavier than at first anticipated. Most of our mer chants have gone to Morthern markets to purchase their fall sampling in spite of the cheap fates to Charleston. They septhat they not only buy cheaper in Northern markets but can precure more advanern markets but can procure more advan-tageous accommodations. The Fall term tageous accommodations. The Fall term of our Female college opens, Sept. 16th, and it is to be koped will be with flourishing prospects. Rev. F. Jacobs makes a most admirable projects of a very thorough institution. It is wonderful that the splendid water powers of Laurens have not yet attracted the attention of capitalists for the effection of manufacturing mills. In my next d. propose to our give you some of the advantages of our situation in this begard.

FROM VARNVULLE.

Business is brisk and cotton capring in rapidly. The merchants here pay the cash for produce of all kinds and let parties buy goods where they please. It is pleasant to see so much hard money in the ranch, but there are other circulation if not to carry it about.

Tillinghast visited our town last book cut for a long letter of

Mr Tillinghast visited our town last night and carried off the sheriff. Mr. Chapman, of the firm of Warren, Wallace & Co., has the us a visit. He is the (Hall's) acte man.
Mr. O. F. Duke, of Put Rayal, has set

Quantities of beef, good, bad and indifferent, has been sold here. The corn crop is very short in

every section of the county. Mrs. 1s: Chasserson, and Kinard killed a white decrease liver while a few days

A darkey in the same section killed a raceous—the next day he ment to Mr. B. Kraric's find said. Mr. Bud please let me have a pound of fine. What deyou want with the fiber, said Mr. Killed to make a fact out of my cook sit, said the somether was Sempernous grapes in the somether We have an excellent fruit growing region which in few years will equal Aiken.

Three prisoners were released settenday through lawyer McKinsey. He says pre judice prevented the acceptance of the same bond which was offered before

The longer the world lasts the greater need there is of decision of character on the part of men. The man who is on heither side cannot be depended upon at any that. There is no justice in law at the present day. A man lad better lose at once than seek justice at the hands this petteration:

OCONEE NEWS WALHALLA S. C., Sept. 6, 1879 To the Editor of the Crescent.

My heart is made glad on the arrival of the mail the days that the CRESCENT due. Am pleased to hear from the eacoast, and, although delightfully sithated in this pleasant well, I long for an occasional smuff of the sea breeze. The chimate of this town is delightful and even now cool enough to sleep under halla are most favorable. Still, like a crab, I would revert to the coast. I frequently utter the words of Xerads, thal-

Your strong decunciations of the inc-nopolists I hope will have their due effect. It used to secur to me when reading the Arabian cale of Aladdin that the slave of the ring who appeared to him in the cavern was just as powerful as the slave of the lamp, and could accomplish as much good or evil as that latter genie upon whom Aladdin mainly relied. So, speak ing of 'rings," it has been in this State in these latter days. "The selfish workers in their own interest have made themmasses and have been uided alternately

wrote you. some cotton sent to market and sold at

derence as a granger is always for a stores are being built, and prices for a goods are lower than the lowest, and here by. I thought that in Gov. Simpson let me say that this enterprising little the rights of the people.—Eo.] 114 cents.

the agricultural community would have town can boast of the largest community found a gradian of the people's rights, but he, like the rest that gets place, kicks measured correctly, we think it is one of the ladder away, and is borne on the the largest in the state. The lightness rod man who says he came in a zigzag route from Walterboro, declares it to be the largest store. It is full of good goods and cheap goods, and they must be sol

... VORK NEWS ... will FORKVIELE, S. C. Sept. 7 1876.

Non will doubtless to a control hear from me, but when I are your secupying the corner of cuch independent paper, I am he was surprised at its tope and doubtless seeing you, but I do not want you to your old army associates be altogether ignorance of your doings. It was by more accident our old farm better and acquainted with the fact that Cancert was your paper.

Set several of your old consider friends, will occasion pleasure in informing you a going on in the "King's Month.

The Crisis in

the Editor of the S

treasures have fallen sands of hands turned presperity of the Boundless manifes of a supple of have been disposed in Virginia. Sir Gamet Wolseley in the tingdo Cetewaya. Coosaw Stock has already Cetewaya. Coosaw Stock has arrowdy fallen to 800 per cent. Intention and few purchasers can be found of such Common Olv Legislature help—betters the miss tyred monopolists. Of mannions against the crue taxes imposed by greedy county hoards of equalization; reduce the appreciate royal ty at least one half, increase the territor of the Cooraw company and the tribe systems of general tights and the exclusive charters perpendicular foreworks.

Course, in all the spirit of the Sources. Sound, stilly in the land, on here to Divid, and abundantly descend, ob. 1888.

Money. Moses. Rocand.
Sept. 5, 1879.
Tun individual: Who: First acticles tally

injured by the discharge of his duty is still very low.

Ir takes swenty able bedied men-to stand and clock at one poor little high painter while he is at work.

Some confounded idiot has put that pen where I can't find n' growled a man the other day as he searched about man the other day as he served about the desk. "All um! yes! If thought so!" he exclaimed in a lower ker, as he took the article from behind his ear.

He told her that chilling the stomach suddenly had burled mans prophising beings laid her hend upon I mared "happy death." The saloon shortly thereafter.

Col. Rion has recently added to bis already fine collection of law books a large number of rare and valuable works. which were a part of the law library of the late Chief Justice Moss. There beaks are a great acquisition, adding much to the value of Col. Rion's collection. He has now nearly four thousand volumes—probably the best private law library in the State.—Winneboro Messa.

masses, and have been nided alternately by Radical legislators, and when they failed, by those of the Democratic party, "and there is no health to us."

I observe that you have several subscribers to your paper up here. Politics are dull with us. People are pretty well charged with their crops. This is a fine farming country, and there seems to be an abundance of farm produce raised."

A Washington young lady of the mature agond as, after the story of the creation and the fall hid been related, and the young lady had been meditating for some time, on the moral of it, suddenly broke out with: "Aunty, after Adam and Eve disobeyed God, why didn't He kill 'em and begin over again." 'em and begin over again?"

SENATOR Beek believes that the chief question to be brought before the next GRAY'S HILL.

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Congress will be "the improving and entending of commerce." Alexander H. Stephens thinks the money question is first. Judge Hoadley and Sam Tilden's friends generally say it is the Federal election laws. Mr. Blaine declares if is the retoration of the Federal authority in the gray of the first is the retoration of the Federal authority in the gray of the first in South. The California people thinks it is the Chinese question. Conkling thinks it is the shot-gun policy. So they go!

WORKINGMEN, READ THE CRESCENT, greatness thrust upon him, but that he you beast,